

Minutes of Meeting
SATS TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
May 4, 2023

ATTENDANCE

Technical Committee (Voting Members):

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nate Bottom, Chair	City of Springfield
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Brian Davis, Vice Chair	Sangamon County
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jeff Myers*	Illinois Dept. of Transportation (IDOT): Region 4, District 6
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Michelle Alexander	Sangamon Mass Transit District
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Molly Berns	Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Patrick McCarthy	Village of Chatham

* Represented by Wes Clark

Technical Advisors (Non-Voting Members):

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Betsy Tracy**	Federal Highway Administration: Illinois Division Office
<input type="checkbox"/>	Brian Wright	IDOT: District 6, Local Roads & Streets
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bob Innis	IDOT: Office of Planning & Programming
<input type="checkbox"/>	Stephen Laffey	Illinois Commerce Commission
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Roger Blickensderfer**	Springfield Airport Authority
<input type="checkbox"/>		IDOT: Office of Intermodal Project Implementation

Others Present:

SSCRPC Staff

Shannan Karrick

Jason Sass

Members of the Public

Ken Boyle, SAA**

Brian Bond (CMT)**

**attendance via Zoom

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Nate Bottom called the meeting of the SATS Technical Committee to order at 8:32 AM.

II. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Bottom asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the April 6, 2023, Technical Committee meeting. Brian Davis made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Patrick McCarthy seconded the motion. The vote to approve was unanimous.

III. 2045 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (LRTP)

No update.

IV. FY 2023 – 2026 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

A. ST-U Projects Update

1. Koke Mill Road: Old Jacksonville Road to Washington Street (TIP # 02-2020-06)

Nate Bottom reported that the project continues with phase I.

2. Iron Bridge Road Overpass and Woodside Road Underpass (TIP # 03-2009-05)

Brian Davis stated that the project is still scheduled for June letting with project and parcel compliance complete.

B. Amendment 5 – CH 31

Shannan Karrick introduced Amendment Five.



**RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF
AMENDMENT FIVE TO THE
FY 2023-2026 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Springfield Area Transportation Study (SATS), in cooperation with the Illinois Department of Transportation, has a comprehensive, cooperative, and continuing (3C) planning process for transportation planning in compliance with Federal regulations for the urbanized area; and

WHEREAS, the Springfield Area Transportation Study approved the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for FY 2023-2026 on August 11, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Sangamon County, requests moving the following project from FY 2024 to FY 2023 in the FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program as shown below; and

Project Description and Funding:

Project/Jurisdiction/Class	Location	Action/Comments	Map #	Funding Source	Total Cost
9 CH-31	Termini: IL 54 (within Village of Spaulding) to Old State Hwy 36 (Village of Riverton)	Construction	123	County	\$220,000
Sangamon County	Contract #			STP-R	\$880,000
	TIP #	03-2021-02			\$1,100,000

WHEREAS, the funding used for this project will not affect any other project in the TIP; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Technical Committee has voted to recommend approval of Amendment Five to the FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program to the Policy Committee.

Endorsed on this 4th day of May, 2023

ATTEST: Nate Bottom
Nate Bottom, Chair
SATS Technical Committee

Brian Davis noted that the project was originally in the TIP as an FY 2024 Pavement Management Systems construction project for \$2,055,000 and was moved to FY 2023 listing the location and amending the project to a mill and overlay in the amount of \$1,100,000.

Molly Berns made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Brian Davis seconded the motion. The vote to approve was unanimous.

V. TECHNICAL ADVISOR UPDATES

- A. Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT): Office of Planning & Programming (OPP)**
Bob Innis reported that federal discretionary grant notices of funding opportunities were being released almost weekly and that IDOT's Fall Planning Conference would take place in Springfield this year. The final dates for the conference have not been set at this time. Nate Bottom offered to reach out to the Convention and Visitor's Bureau for assistance if needed.
- B. Federal Highway Administration (FHWA): IL Division Office**
No report.
- C. Federal Transit Administration (FTA)**
No report.
- D. IDOT District 6: Local Roads and Streets (LRS)**
No report.
- E. Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC)**
Shannan Karrick reported that Stephen Laffey was unable to attend, but had sent an email noting that:
- ICC released the FY24-28 Crossing Safety Improvement Program: <https://www.icc.illinois.gov/icc-reports/report/CrossingSafetyImprovementProgram> Applications for next year's program are due by Jan 15, 2024.
 - ICC released the 2022 Annual Report on Hazardous Materials Incidents in Illinois: <https://www.icc.illinois.gov/icc-reports/report/AnnualReportOnAccidentsIncidentsInvolvingHazardousMaterialsOnRailroadsInIllinois>
 - Association of American Railroads (AAR) – **AskRail** hazmat response app. Enables authorized first responders to query a central dispatch to find out the contents of a rail car or an entire train in the event of a derailment or other accident.
- F. Springfield Airport Authority (SAA)**
Roger Blickensderfer announced he would be retiring on June 1 and introduced Ken Boyle as the Springfield Airport Authority's Deputy Executive Director and future SATS Technical Advisor. Chair Bottom congratulated Mr. Blickensderfer on his retirement and welcomed Mr. Boyle to the committee.

Mr. Blickensderfer also reported removal of runways 1/8 and 3/6 will resume on May 15th. This is the final construction season for the three-phase project that includes the removal of the remaining portions of the old and short runway with the completion of an extension of a taxiway around the airport. The design phase for the rehabilitation of runway 13/31 (7,400 feet long) is beginning. The project is estimated to cost \$30 million and will likely be completed over two to three years due to federal funding.

The Springfield Airport Authority will be celebrating its 75th anniversary with an open house on August 5-6 at the airport. The public is invited to attend. Activities will include

static displays, airplane rides for children, tours of the Air National Guard base, and a showcase of the airport's aviation tenants. The airport has also partnered with the Kidzeum to provide additional activities for children.

VI. AGENCY UPDATES

A. Springfield-Sangamon Regional Planning Commission (SSCRPC)

Shannan Karrick reported that staff had met with Tony Greep from the FTA, attended IDOT's Special Programs Assistance Conference, and continued working on the FY 2024-2027 TIP. She thanked the committee for submitting lists on time and answering her questions regarding projects. Ms. Karrick also said the Catalyst receiver and iPad had been ordered and would first be used for the Downtown Parking Survey. Preliminary work is underway and data collection for the survey is expected to begin on May 15th.

Molly Berns noted that members should pay attention to their agendas as the meeting may be moved to Sangamon South or SMTD depending on the start of construction.

B. Sangamon Mass Transit District (SMTD)

Michelle Alexander reported the SMTD is currently waiting on commercial vehicle procurement and state concurrence for several projects at this time.

C. City of Springfield

Nate Bottom reported the following:

Usable Segment III – Madison Street and Jefferson Street Underpasses (TIP # 02-2023-06):

Streets are closed and will be so for the next 14 months for the construction of underpasses. Washington Street will be closed next week.

Usable Segment V – Cook Street and South Grand Avenue Underpasses (TIP # 02-2021-06):

Norfolk Southern track work continues with 10-day closures over the next couple of months.

Bruns Lane (local)

North Grand to Veterans Parkway overlay and road diet with directions to Sangamon Valley Trail has been awarded and will begin in late May or early June.

Stanford Avenue (TIP # 02-2010-09):

Work started May 1st with utility relocations and storm sewer work. The project's anticipated completion date is July 2024.

Downtown Signal Modernization – Phase I (TIP # 02-2022-06):

The project is underway and will include the conversion from one to two-way on 7th Street from South Grand Avenue to Dodge Street and Adams from 6th Street to 9th Street.

Churchill Bridge Road (TIP # 02-2023-05):

Construction is underway with completion anticipated in September 2023.

Eighth Street Bridge (TIP # 02-2017-05):

A pre-construction meeting was held on May 11th.

Hedley Road Upgrade: Koke Mill to West White Oaks Drive (TIP # 02-2021-05):

IDOT coordination meeting was held regarding the safety improvements including a three-quarter access at West White Oaks and Hedley with a roundabout at Cascade. Hedley Road will also be upgraded to a three-lane urban section from West White Oaks to Koke Mill with sidewalks and bike lanes.

D. Sangamon County

Brian Davis reported the following:

Springfield-Sangamon County Transportation Center:

The east side (SMTD) portion of the project remains ongoing. Ninety-nine percent plans for the west side (parking garage, public square, and Amtrak station) have been completed. Interviews for the construction manager position will begin today.

Sangamon Valley Trail South Extension (TIP # 03-2020-10):

Pending completion of a final report to proceed with construction. Menard County was awarded ITEP funding for the northern connection to the Sangamon Valley Trail.

E. Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT): Region 4, District 6

I-72 over Wabash Avenue & Norfolk Southern RR 1.2 miles east of Wabash Ave. Interchange Bridgework (TIP # 04-2019-01):

The project has been completed.

East Main Street/Walnut Street, State Street, and Cardinal Hill Road Traffic Signal Replacements (TIP # 04-2021-09):

The project has been completed.

I-55 BUS, IL 29, Peoria Rd Sidewalks, Lighting, Sidewalk Ramp/Pedestrian Improvements (TIP # 04-2023-09):

The project is currently underway.

IL 29 (Dirksen Parkway): Ridge Avenue to Linden Avenue in Springfield Crack and Joint Sealing (TIP # 04-2023-05):

The project is scheduled to start on May 8.

F. Village of Chatham

Patrick McCarthy reported that motor fuel use tax projects will begin soon with paving on Gordon Drive/Iron Bridge Road from Walnut Street to where it transfers to Sangamon County's jurisdiction. Concrete repair work will take place on Plummer Boulevard with an overlay scheduled for next year. Mr. McCarthy also noted that concrete patching had been done on the Interurban Trail.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. FY 2024 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Shannan Karrick presented the document. She indicated that the technical and policy committees had approved the proposed budget for the next fiscal year at the March meetings where major tasks to be undertaken had been discussed at that time. The work element tasks remain the same as in previous years.

Nate Bottom asked for a motion to recommend the adoption of the FY 2024 UPWP. Michelle Alexander made the motion. Patrick McCarthy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. FY 2024 – 2027 Transportation Improvement Program

Shannan Karrick stated that work continues on the document which will be presented to the Technical Committee next month for recommendation of approval.

C. SATS Logo



Shannan Karrick presented the proposed logo to the committee for discussion. Wes Clark suggested adding a truck to represent freight traffic. Further discussion included rearranging the icons from smaller on the outside edges to the largest in the middle.

Molly Berns made a motion to recommend the logo subject to the aforementioned revisions to the policy committee for approval. Michelle Alexander seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Next Meeting Date: April 6, 2023

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Nate Bottom asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Molly Berns made a motion to adjourn. Brian Davis seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn passed unanimously.

The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:58 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shannan Karrick,
Recording Secretary